



NEWS RELEASE

United States Department of Agriculture
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
In Cooperation with the West Virginia Department of Agriculture
West Virginia Field Office
1900 Kanawha Blvd E
Charleston, West Virginia 25305



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 25, 2016

Contact: Charmaine Wilson
(304) 357-5126

FEBRUARY RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during February 2016 totaled 500,000 pounds. This was up 25 percent from February 2015. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 680,000 pounds live weight, up 33 percent from February 2015. Cattle slaughter totaled 600 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was up 26 pounds from the previous year, at 1,112 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 173,000 pounds live weight, up 13 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 600 head, up 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 8 pounds from the previous year, at 293 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States – Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.90 billion pounds in February, up 5 percent from the 3.73 billion pounds produced in February 2015.

Beef production, at 1.89 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.29 million head, up 5 percent from February 2015. The average live weight was up 17 pounds from the previous year, at 1,372 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.1 million pounds, 3 percent below February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 36,500 head, down 1 percent from February 2015. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from last year, at 287 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.00 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.43 million head, up 4 percent from February 2015. The average live weight was down 2 pounds from the previous year, at 283 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.5 million pounds, was up 8 percent from February 2015. Sheep slaughter totaled 175,800 head, 7 percent above last year. The average live weight was 142 pounds, up 1 pound from February a year ago.

January to February 2016 commercial red meat production was 8.00 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2015. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

February 2015 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

February 2016 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.